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Sir:


Upon review of the application after receipt of the Notice of Allowability, it was noted that the initialed Form PTO-1449 attached to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2001, which was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 5, 2001, is not completely initialed. In particular, it is noted that MacEwan, Chemical Abstracts, Vol. 124, No. 9, Abstract No. 124:15129v is not initialed on the Form PTO-1449.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that a completely initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be included in the file in order that the Examiner's consideration of this document will be reflected on the face of the issued patent. Moreover, Applicants respectfully request that a completely initialed copy of the form be forwarded to Applicants.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants attach a Form PTO-1449 listing MacEwan accompanied by another copy of MacEwan.

Should there be any questions and/or is , the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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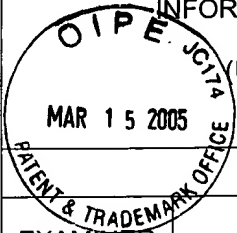
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